Registered No. M.—1175.

The Mysore Gazette.

Vol. 55.] PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY. [No. 22.

BANGALORE, THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1920.

PART II.

OFFICIAL PAPERS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Food Situation for the week ending 15th May 1920.

Brief abstract of the special reports regarding the Food Situation for the week ending 15th May 1920.

Bangalore City.—During the week under report 129 carts of ragi and 21 carts of paddy came into the bazaar as against 144 carts of ragi and 31 carts of paddy in the previous week.

The price of ragi ranged from Rs. 75 to 82 per cart during the week against Rs. 72 to 79 per cart in the previous week. Owing to absence of rains now ragi has not become as cheap as was expected.

There is sufficient stock of rice and ragi in the bazaar for consumers.

The Municipal Depot and the three Test depots are selling Rangoon rice to the poor. The importers are also selling rice to the public at their depots. The transactions in these depots are being watched by the Inspecting Staff.

Mysore City.—No change in the situation.

Bangalore District.—Except for 11 cents of rain in Channapatna and 5 cents in Closepet, there was no rainfall during this period. The raiyats were anxiously waiting for these Bharani rains to commence ploughing operations, but they (the rains) have practically failed.

The standing crops of *Vaishakhi* paddy and sugar-cane are in good condition.

Ragi is selling at 7 seers to 9½ seers per rupee while local rice sells at 3½ to 4 seers. Burma rice is being sold at 4½ to 4¾ seers per rupee. There is sufficient stock of Burma rice in the Government Depots.

Mysore District.—No change in the food situation. Prices continue to be high. There were a few showers in the western taluks.

Tumkur District.—There is no appreciable change in the prices of food grains. Stock of Burma rice is sufficient in the depots. *Vaishakhi* paddy is coming to the markets.

Local rice is being sold in the Maddagiri shandy at $4\frac{1}{2}$ to $4\frac{3}{4}$ seers a rupee. Till now there has been no good shower anywhere. It is difficult to make any forecast with respect to prices.

Kolar District.—There is nothing particular to report in the week. The *Vaishakhi* crop is being harvested. The demand for Burma rice is slack.

Hassan District.—*Santes* were fairly well supplied with food grains, but at the last Hole-Narsipur *sante*, the supply of rice was poor. Export of paddy and rice from the principal *santes* in the district to Tiptur and other places still continues.

Standing crops such as *kar* paddy and sugar-cane are in a good condition.

Prices of food grains still continue to be high.

Prospects of the season are generally good for the present. Rains are urgently wanted. Sowing is retarded for want of rain.

Shimoga District:—There has not been any material change in the food situation during the last week.

Rain is wanted for sowing purposes in the taluks of Shimoga, Channagiri, Honnali, Sorab and in the Kumsi Sub-Taluk.

Kadur District.—All the markets in the district were supplied with the necessary food stuffs in sufficient quantities. Rice was sold at Koppa at 5 seers a rupee as against $5\frac{1}{2}$ seers in the previous week. There was an increase also in the price of ragi at Kadur and it was sold at $9\frac{1}{2}$ seers a rupee as against 10 seers in the previous week. The prices of other food stuffs remained almost stationary.

The with-holding of Mungar rains has caused some anxiety among the people in Kadur and Tarikere Taluks.

Chitaldrug District.—There has been no change in the food situation during the week under report. Owing to marriage season, the price of local rice has gone up by one to two rupees a palla.

The week has had no rain.

General (by Food Controller).—It is reported that the standing crops are generally in good condition, but rain is wanted everywhere for ploughing and sowing operations. The markets are well supplied except in certain parts of the Hassan District, where the supply of rice is reported to have been poor. Prices show an upward tendency apparently owing to the failure of the *Bharani* rains.

The price of ragi in the Bangalore City has gone up to Rs. 80 and Rs. 82 per cartload. An increase in the price of rice is reported from the districts of Chitaldrug and Kadur. The latter reports also an increase in the price of ragi.

About one-third of the May allotment of Burma rice has left Rangoon on the 15th instant. The whole quantity is expected to be in Madras before the close of the month.

The supply of both local and imported rice in the Bangalore City market is quite ample and Burma rice continues to be issued from the Provincial Grain Depot to the extent of about 1,000 bags a week.

C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER,
Chief Secretary to Government.